

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for manipulating and managing usage rights adapted to be associated with digital content, said system comprising:
a rights module operative to specify one or more rights indicating a manner of use of the digital content;
a conditions module operative to specify one or more conditions necessary for exercising [[a]] the manner of use of the digital content; and
an offers module operative to combine the one or more rights specified by said rights module and the one or more conditions specified by said conditions module to create a rights offer object [[of]] including the usage rights and associated the conditions necessary for exercising [[a]] the manner of use of the digital content indicated by the usage rights.
2. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 1, further comprising a label component for configuring one or more rights offers into a label object adapted to be associated with specified content, whereby a user can select one or more of the rights offers in the label to exercise a manner of use with respect to the content.
3. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2, wherein the offer object and the label object are graphical objects.
4. (Original) A system as recited in claim 3, further comprising a batch support module operative to apply operations to plural selected objects in a collective manner.
5. (Original) A system as recited in claim 4, wherein said batch support module includes a drag and drop interface.
6. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2, wherein said label object represents a file of computer code.
7. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6, wherein the code is in XrML format.

8. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2, wherein said label specifies the content and metadata associated with the content.
9. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 2, wherein said label ~~is not~~ associated with specific content to serve as a label template.
10. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2, wherein said labels specifies parts of the content and the metadata associated with the parts of the content.
11. (Original) A system as recited in claim 9, wherein said label includes precedence rules.
12. (Original) A system as recited in claim 2, further comprising means as editing module operative to view and edit said label.
13. (Original) A system as recited in claim 9, wherein said label template contains plural offers.
14. (Original) A system as recited in claim 9, wherein said label template includes generic metadata.
15. (Original) A system as recited in claim 14, wherein said generic metadata includes the name of the content.
16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An electronic label for expressing usage rights adapted to be associated with digital content, said label comprising:
 - usage rights specifying a manner of use of the digital content;
 - conditions specifying one or more conditions necessary for exercising [[a]] the manner of use of the digital content,
 - wherein one or more of said usage rights and one or more of said conditions are combined to create a rights offer object; and
 - a label container including ~~at least one~~ the rights offer object.

17. (Original) A label as recited in claim 16, wherein said label further comprises a file of computer code expressing said usage rights and said conditions.

18. (Original) A label as recited in claim 16, further comprising an association to content.

19. (Original) A label as recited in claim 17, wherein the code is in XrML format.

20. (Original) A label as recited in claim 18, further comprising metadata associated with the content.

21. (Original) A label as recited in claim 16, further comprising precedence rules.